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**OLR Bill Analysis**

**HB 6706**

***Emergency Certification***

***AN ACT IMPLEMENTING PROVISIONS OF THE STATE BUDGET  
FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING JUNE 30, 2015 CONCERNING  
GENERAL GOVERNMENT.***

**SUMMARY:**

A brief section-by-section analysis appears below.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Various, see below.

**§§ 1-2 — BUDGET PROVISIONS**

Please refer to the fiscal note for an explanation and summary of these sections.

**§§ 3-10 — DELETED**

**§§ 11-13 — DEADLINE FILING EXTENSIONS FOR PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS**

- Sets 30-day deadline for Bloomfield and Seymour manufacturers to file for manufacturing and machinery property tax exemption against 2010 and 2011 grand lists.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

**§ 14 — TECHNICAL CHANGES TO ESTATE TAX STATUTES**

- Makes technical changes to the estate tax statutes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

**§§ 15-23 — DELETED**

**§ 24 — METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION (MDC)  
CONTRACT COMPLIANCE**

- Requires MDC to participate in the state's small and minority business set-aside program.

- Extends to MDC contracts various requirements for non-discrimination provisions that apply to state contracts.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013

## **§ 25 — PROJECT LONGEVITY INITIATIVE**

- Requires the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) secretary to secure and use available federal and state funds to (a) support the continued implementation of the “Project Longevity Initiative” in New Haven, (b) work with specified federal and state officials to implement the initiative in Hartford and Bridgeport, and (c) create a plan to implement the initiative statewide.

EFFECTIVE: July 1, 2013

## **§§ 26-36 & 386 — E-REGULATIONS**

- Delays, from July 1, 2013 up until October 1, 2014, a requirement that online regulations posted by the secretary of the state be the “official version” of the regulations of state agencies for “all purposes, including all legal and administrative proceedings.”
- Names the electronic regulations compilation as the “eRegulations System” and requires (a) agencies, and not the secretary, to post to the system notices of proposed regulations and regulation-related documents and (b) the secretary to post the final regulations.
- Eliminates requirements for agencies to post regulations and related documents on their own websites.
- Eliminates several provisions that require a regulation to be submitted in hard copy, but requires the secretary of the state, by January 1, 2014, to develop and implement a plan to

maintain at her office a paper copy of all regulations posted on the eRegulations System.

- Revises the requirements for selecting the legislative Regulation Review Committee's co-chairpersons to conform the law to practice.
- Requires that several manuals published by the Department of Social Services be posted on the eRegulations System.
- Repeals requirements, due to take effect on July 1, 2013, that agencies (a) post all manuals and guidance documents online and (b) post on their websites policies that are implemented before being adopted in regulation form.
- Makes numerous technical and conforming changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Various; dates include July 1, 2013, July 1, 2014, and October 1, 2014

### **§ 37 — POTABLE WATER**

- Eliminates a requirement that the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) commissioner, within available appropriations, provide potable drinking water on a short-term basis to certain buildings and schools impacted by pollution.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013

### **§ 38 — AUTHORIZATION TO PAY CERTAIN BEARER BONDS**

- authorizes the State Treasurer's Office to pay, from the appropriation for debt service, \$50,000 for outstanding bearer bonds from the 1956 issue of the State of Connecticut Expressway Revenue and Motor Fuel Tax Bond-Greenwich Killingly Expressway, Second Series.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

**§ 39 — DELETED**

**§ 40 — YOUTH VIOLENCE INITIATIVE DISTRIBUTION**

- Specifies that \$500,000 of the Judicial Branch Youth Violence Initiative appropriations must be distributed with \$375,000 going to the Greater Hartford YMCA and \$125,000 to the Blue Hills Civic Association Inc., in both FY 14 and FY 15.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013

**§ 41 — STATE TRACKING AND ACCOUNTABILITY COLLECTION REPORT**

- By June 30, 2014, requires the SDE to adopt regulations to implement a fiscal accountability data collection report on where schools and school districts get there funds, the amounts, and how they use them.
- Requires the department to give the report and school size, student demographics, geography, cost-of-living indicators, and any other factors to the Appropriations and Education committees by December 31, 2014 and annually thereafter.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

**§ 42 — RESULTS FIRST POLICY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

- Establishes a Results First Policy Oversight Committee to advise on the development and implementation of the Pew-MacArthur Results First cost-benefit analysis model.
- The committee's overall goal is to promote cost effective policies and programming by the state.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

**§ 43 — TOBACCO MASTER SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT LITIGATION SETTLEMENT**

- Requires the attorney general and DRS to use the \$13 million reserved in the budget from litigation settlement funds received

under the 1998 Master Settlement Agreement for enforcement activity related to the agreement.

- Authorizes the OPM secretary to make these funds available for such purposes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

#### **§ 44 — GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY COMMISSION**

- Prohibits members of the Government Accountability Commission, which is within the Office of Government Accountability, from being state employees.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013

#### **§ 45 — EDUCATION TALENT DEVELOPMENT AND STATEWIDE STANDARDS REPORT**

- By January 1, 2014 and quarterly thereafter requires the SDE commissioner to report to the Appropriations and Education committees on local and regional board of education talent development programs and the implementation of statewide education standards.
- Specifies the report contents, including performance measures, the program's status, status of certified evaluators, and program personnel and finances.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

#### **§§ 46-50 — CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND COUNCIL**

- Eliminates this council and makes conforming changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013

#### **§ 51 — MAGISTRATES' PER DIEM FEES**

- Increases, from \$150 to \$200, the per diem fee for magistrates hearing small claims and motor vehicles cases.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013

**§ 52 — OFFICE OF THE CHILD ADVOCATE**

- Reduces the number of candidates that the office's advisory committee must submit to the governor when a vacancy in the position of advocate occurs (from between five and seven to between three and five).

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013

**§§ 53-54 — JUDICIAL BRANCH AND DOC PROGRAMS RELATED TO FAMILY VIOLENCE**

- Requires the chief court administrator and the commissioner of the Department of Correction (DOC) to (1) assess the effectiveness of family violence training or intervention programs provided by the Court Support Services Division (CSSD) and DOC by May 31, 2014 and (2) report to the Judiciary and Appropriations committees by June 30, 2014.

EFFECTIVE: Upon passage

**§ 55 — PROBATE COURT ADMINISTRATION FUND**

- Starting June 30, 2013, annually transfers, from the Probate Court Administration Fund to the General Fund, any probate fund balance exceeding 15% of its authorized expenditures in the coming fiscal year. (Currently, all surplus funds from probate fund are transferred to General Fund.)

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013

**§ 56 — UCONN RESEARCH FARM**

- Requires DEEP to consult with DPH and assess pesticide use at UConn's Plant Science and Research and Education Facility and makes the agencies report on their recommendations for legislation or revised practices at the facility.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

**§ 57 — FUNDS FOR GROUNDWATER TESTING**

- Transfers up to \$100,000 of the amount appropriated to UConn in the budget to DEEP for investigating groundwater flow quality in bedrock and makes DEEP and UConn enter into a memorandum of understanding for this purpose.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013

**§ 58 — OFFICE OF FISCAL ANALYSIS FISCAL NOTE REVIEWS**

- Eliminates the requirement that the Office of Fiscal Analysis, every second and fourth year after the effective date of an enacted bill, review the bill's fiscal note and compare it to the original fiscal note prepared when the bill was enacted.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013

**§ 59 — REEMPLOYED RETIRED TEACHERS AND TENURE**

- Prohibits retired teachers who are rehired to teach at a public school, at a lower pay scale and while collecting a pension, from having their retired service count toward earning tenure.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013

**§ 60 — SUPPORTIVE HOUSING SERVICES**

- Authorizes the DSS, DMHAS, and Corrections commissioners, the OPM secretary, and the executive director of the Judicial Branch's Court Support Services Division to (1) develop a plan to provide supportive housing services, including housing rental subsidies during FY 14 and FY 15 for an additional 160 individuals and families who frequently use expensive state services and (2) enter into memoranda of understanding to reallocate, within existing appropriations, the necessary support and housing resources for this purpose.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013

**§ 61 — TECHNICAL**

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013

**§ 62 — MUNICIPAL USE OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS WIRES**

- Allows municipalities to use one position (gain) on telecommunication lines for any purpose, rather than just for municipal and state signal wires.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013

**§ 63 — HIGHER EDUCATION POLICE FORCES**

- Repeals a provision in PA 13-3 that exempted the special police forces at UConn and the Board of Regents for Higher Education (BOR) from certain provisions of the State Personnel Act that address civil service qualifying exams.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013

**§§ 64-65 — PAYMENT OF COURT FEES WITH CREDIT OR DEBIT CARDS**

- Allows courts, including probate, to accept payment of fees by credit or debit cards, and charge related service fees (which cannot exceed the card issuer's charge, including discount rate).

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013

**§ 66 — PETROLEUM PRODUCTS GROSS EARNINGS TAX EXEMPTION**

- Exempts from the petroleum products gross earnings tax propane gas used for school bus fuel.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013

**§ 67 — MIXED MARTIAL ARTS (MMA)**

- Makes anyone who contracts with a person to compete in a MMA match liable for any health care costs the competitor incurs for injury or illness resulting from participating.



EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2013

**§ 68 — HOSPICE ZONING REGULATIONS**

- Requires local zoning regulations to treat as single-family homes Department of Public Health-licensed inpatient hospice facilities serving up to six people.
- Requires these facilities to be managed by a nonprofit organization, served by public sewer and water, and located in a city with more than 100,000 residents within a zone allowing development on one or more acres.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2013

**§ 69 — INTEREST RATE ON DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES**

- Makes the interest rate for delinquent property taxes on property sold for tax purposes between 15% and 18%, to conform to sSB 820, which gives towns the option of reducing the annual interest rate they charge on delinquent property taxes from 18% per year to between 15% and 18%.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2013, and applicable to assessment years starting on or after that date.

**§ 70 — ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS**

- Repeals a provision of HB 6360 that bars vehicle manufacturers or distributors from requiring a dealer to purchase goods or services, such as vehicle battery charging stations, from a vendor the manufacturer or distributor chooses if substantially similar items are available from other sources.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

**§ 71 — ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIC PLAN**

- Delays by one year the due date for the DECD commissioner to prepare her next economic development strategic plan for the

state. Requires a report every four instead of every five years, starting by July 1, 2015. Under the current five-year schedule the next report is due by July 1, 2014.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013

**§ 72 — BIOSCIENCE AND PHARMACEUTICAL BUSINESSES IN SOUTHEASTERN CONNECTICUT**

- Requires Connecticut Innovations, Inc. to spend up to \$50,000 to develop a plan to facilitate the growth of bioscience and pharmaceutical businesses in southeastern Connecticut and submit it to the governor, DECD, and the Commerce Committee by January 1, 2014.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013

**§ 73 — CARBON FOOTPRINT DATA STUDY**

- Requires the DAS commissioner to consult with UConn and other agencies, study, and report to the Government Administration and Elections committee on the feasibility of including carbon footprint data as factors in awarding state contracts.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013

**§ 74 – MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES (DMHAS) PILOT FOR ALCOHOL-DEPENDENT PEOPLE IN NEW HAVEN**

- Requires the DMHAS commissioner to establish and implement a pilot program to help alcohol-dependent people discharged from hospitals in the New Haven region.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2013

**§ 75 — LONG ISLAND SOUND ASSEMBLY GRANT**

- Makes \$150,000 of funds appropriated to and unexpended by DEEP for environmental conservation available for a grant to the Long Island Sound Assembly in FYs 14 and 15.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013

**§ 76 — OPM YOUTH SERVICES PREVENTION**

- Specifies grant amounts of the OPM Youth Services Prevention appropriations must be distributed to certain governmental and non-governmental entities, in both FY 14 and FY 15.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013

**§ 77 — EXPANSION OF HEALTH ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM**

- Allows the comptroller to develop and implement a plan to allow nonstate public employees to participate in the Health Enhancement program established in accordance with the provisions of the 2011 Revised SEBAC Agreement.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013

**§§ 78-80 — TECHNICAL CHANGES**

- Makes technical changes

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013

**§§ 81-82 — RECORDING FEES FOR NOMINEES OF MORTGAGEES**

- Defines a “nominee of a mortgagee” as any person who (a) serves as mortgagee for a mortgage registered on a national electronic database meeting certain criteria and (b) is a nominee or agent for the promissory note's owner or a subsequent transferee.
- Increases the fees a “nominee of a mortgagee” must pay to town clerks when recording certain deeds and mortgage assignments.
- Caps the fees at \$159 per assignment or release of mortgage when the nominee either appears as the assignor or releases the mortgage.
- Specifies the portion of fee revenue that must be remitted to the

state to capitalize various accounts (e.g., funding the foreclosure mediation program until October 1, 2014).

EFFECTIVE: July 15, 2013

**§§ 83-84 — REPORTS BY BOARD OF REGENTS**

- Requires BOR to report to the Appropriations and Higher Education committees, by November 1, 2013, on the status of the: (1) development and implementation of remedial support offered by the regional community technical colleges and (2) status of the employment of academic counselors by the Connecticut State University System.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

**§§ 85-86 — WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY POWER**

- Allows an ordinance establishing a water pollution control authority (WPCA) in a distressed municipality of at least 140,000 people (i.e., Bridgeport) to give the WPCA power to recommend a levy on taxable real property for stormwater control systems.
- Allows the municipality, when imposing the levy, to consider the amount of impervious surfaces making stormwater runoff, land use types, and the property's grand list valuation.
- Makes levy charges that are unpaid within 30 days delinquent, specifies that delinquent charges bear interest from the due date at the tax collector's delinquent property tax rate, and makes an unpaid charge a lien on the property subject to the levy.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2013

**§ 87 — MUNICIPAL REIMBURSEMENT AND REVENUE ACCOUNT**

Transfers from the regional planning incentive account to the municipal reimbursement and revenue account (see § 328):

- \$2,820,000 in FY 14,

- \$2,070,000 in FY 15, and
- \$1,870,000 in FY 16.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013

**§ 88 — TECHNICAL FIX TO DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING IMPLEMENTER**

- Makes a technical correction to HB 6705.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013

**§ 89 — ELIMINATION OF CONFLICTING LANGUAGE RELATED TO RESIDENTIAL CARE HOMES**

- Eliminates provision requiring lower rates for RCHs in FYs 14 and 15 if they have been issued interim rate or through some other agreement, which conflicts with 6705 stop-loss provision.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013

**§ 90 — NURSING HOME RATES—STOP LOSS FIX**

- Provides that the maximum amount a home's rate may decrease (stop-loss) is 4%; under HB 6705, no nursing home can receive a rate 4% lower than the rate in effect on July 1, 2013.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013

**§ 91 — RATES PAID TO CHRONIC DISEASE HOSPITALS**

- Provides that the current system for paying acute care and freestanding chronic disease hospitals for providing inpatient and outpatient and emergency room care to Medicaid recipients continues until such time as the DSS commissioner establishes the new acuity-based systems for paying hospitals for such services
- Requires the DSS commissioner to establish rates paid to freestanding chronic disease hospitals; HB 6705 eliminates the department's statutory obligation to do so.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013

**§ 92 — HEALTHY START**

- Eliminates the requirement that the Healthy Start plan for maximizing federal funds and expanding services within available state funds include a (1) “venue-based” billing and payment system and (2) funding allocation formula.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013

**§ 93 — REPEALER—DEFINITIONS RELATED TO COMMUNITY RESIDENTIAL FACILITY REVOLVING LOAN FUND**

- Eliminates definitions relating to the Community Residential Facility Revolving Loan Fund (CGS § 17a-220).

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2014

**§ 94 — CHANGE IN EFFECTIVE DATE IN HB 6525, AS AMENDED**

- Changes the effective date for the childhood obesity task force in HB 6525, as amended by House A and passed by both chambers, from October 1, 2013 to upon passage.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

**§ 95 — HEALTHCARE ADVOCATE BUDGET CARRY FORWARD**

- Carries forward up to \$70,000 from the Office of Healthcare Advocates’ FY 13 unspent funds to FY 14 for equipment.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013

**§ 96 — TOWN AID FOR ROADS**

- Allows the OPM secretary to approve a town’s use of Town Aid Road funds for other purposes. Under current law, these funds, allocated by DOT, are used to build, improve, and maintain roads and for other highway, traffic, and parking purposes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013

**§§ 97-112 — TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING CHANGES**

- Makes conforming changes related to the budget provisions in Sections 1 and 2.
- Makes technical changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013

**§ 113 — CONNECTICUT MEDAL OF BRAVERY**

- Authorizes the Emergency Services and Public Protection commissioner to award a medal, called the Connecticut Medal of Bravery, directly or posthumously to any Connecticut citizen in recognition of (1) a valorous and heroic deed performed in saving a life or (2) injury or death or threat of such incurred (a) in service to Connecticut or the person's community or (b) on behalf of the health, welfare, or safety of other persons.
- Allows any person to submit recommendations for who should receive the award to the commissioner, in the form and manner he prescribes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2013

**§ 114 — CONNECTICUT NATIONAL GUARD MEDAL OF ACHIEVEMENT**

- Establishes a medal of achievement to be awarded to any Connecticut National Guard member for outstanding achievement or meritorious service during military service ordered by the governor, including state service without federal pay and emergency management assistance service in other states.
- Requires the adjutant general to, within available appropriations, appoint and work with two officers of field grade (i.e., the rank of major in the Army, Air Force, and Marines) or above to select medal recipients from recommendations made through military channels.
- Requires award recipients to receive a bronze oak leaf cluster in lieu of succeeding awards and requires recipients to wear a silver cluster in lieu of five bronze clusters.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

**§§ 115-116 — STATE MILITARY EMERGENCY SERVICE AND OUTSTANDING UNIT AWARDS**

- Requires state military members who have received the emergency service (§ 115) or outstanding unit (§ 116) awards to wear a silver oak leaf cluster in lieu of five bronze clusters received for prior succeeding awards. Currently, award recipients may wear a silver cluster in lieu of three bronze clusters.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

**§§ 117-118 — REPLACEMENT FURNACE PROGRAM**

- Requires electric and gas companies to develop, by September 1, 2013, a three-year furnace replacement loan program.
- DEEP, in consultation with the Energy Conservation Management Board (ECMB), must approve or modify the program.
- The companies must hire an administrator to provide financing for improvement projects by property owners, loan servicing, and program administration.
- The program is open to all residential property owners, regardless of how they heat their buildings. Participants must pay at least 10% of the cost of the replacement furnaces, which must be Energy Star rated.
- Program participants can receive loans for up to \$15,000 at up to 3% interest rates, set by the administrator. The maximum loan term is 10 years or the amount of time it takes for the replacement furnace to pay for itself from energy savings, plus two years.
- Participants must repay the loan on their electric or gas bill. If



the property is sold, the unpaid loans must be transferred to the new owner, who may participate in the program, unless the seller and buyer agree that the loan will not be transferred. The third-party administrator can take legal actions to secure the loans, including attaching liens to participating properties.

- The initial cost of the financing, the administrator's costs, and the cost of any defaults must through the funded by the systems benefits charge on electric bills. The electric companies must recover their administrative and capital carrying costs through this charge or another electric rate component, as approved by the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority.
- By January 1, 2016, DEEP and ECMB must (1) engage an independent third party to evaluate the program and (2) report to the Energy and Finance, Revenue and Bonding committees on this program and related one created by HB 6360.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

#### **§ 119 — ELECTRIC BILLING CREDITS**

- HB 6360 gives certain electric company customers who install renewable generating systems under their property a partial credit on the transmission and distribution charges on their electric bills. The bill credit phases down over three years. This bill begins the phase-down period based on when the system begins operation, rather than tying the phase-down to specific dates.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013

#### **§ 120 — ESTATE TAX**

- Makes technical changes to how estate taxes are calculated for Connecticut residents who have estate property in other states.

This conforms to current Department of Revenue Services.

- Provides, for both resident and nonresident estates, that the state may calculate and levy the tax to the fullest extent permitted by the U.S. Constitution.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage, and applicable to deaths on or after January 1, 2013.

#### **§§ 121-122 – SOLDIERS, SAILORS AND MARINES FUND**

- Allows the American Legion to (1) consult with the state treasurer about investing assets from the Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines Fund (SSMF) and (2) utilize up to \$300,000 to administer the fund (§121).
- Removes provisions allowing (1) the general assembly to appropriate general funds to the SSMF and (2) the comptroller to transfer excessive SSMF interest earnings to the general fund (§121).
- Requires the American Legion to biennially report on the results of an independent audit of the SSFM, detailing the fund's (1) investments, (2) returns, (3) operational expenditures, (4) grant recipients, (5) balance and estimated future balance, and (6) other information the treasurer requires (§122).

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2014

#### **§§ 123-126 — MAGNET SCHOOL SLIDING SCALE TUITION**

- Uses a multi-year approach to change the way the state permits preschool tuition charges by interdistrict magnet schools operated by regional education service centers (RESC):
- For FY 13, prohibits *Sheff* region RESC magnets from charging preschool tuition and makes SDE responsible for equivalent of preschool tuition costs for non-*Sheff* region RESC magnets;

- For FY 14, SDE is responsible for tuition costs for all RESC magnets;
- By FY 2015, allows the school to charge tuition to the parents of the preschool student on a sliding scale, with SDE paying for whatever the sliding scale does not cover; and
- Requires SDE to submit a report to the Education Committee by February 1, 2014 on the levels of diversity and integration for each public school located in the *Sheff* region.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013, except the provisions requiring the creation of the sliding scale tuition for parents and the report by SDE to the Education Committee are upon passage.

#### **§ 127 — MUNICIPAL AID ADJUSTMENT ACCOUNT**

- Establishes “Municipal Aid Adjustment” account in General Fund, and requires OPM to spend account funds for grants to specified municipalities, totaling \$4,467,456 in FY 14 and \$3,608,728 in FY 15.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013

#### **§ 128 – GRANTS PURSUANT TO BONDING FOR MUNICIPAL AID**

- Specifies the per-town grant to municipalities, pursuant to the authorization in the bond bill of \$56,429,907 in GO bonds per year in FY 14 and FY 15 for grants to municipalities for municipal purposes and projects.
- Grants can be used for the same purposes as in § 96.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013

#### **§ 129 — FILM PRODUCTION TAX CREDIT MORATORIUM**

- Establishes a two-year moratorium on film production tax credits for FYs 14 and 15 for motion pictures that have not been designated as state-certified productions prior to July 1, 2013
- Creates an exception for a motion picture that conducts at least

25% of its principal photography days in a Connecticut facility that (1) receives at least \$25 million in private investment and (2) opens for business on or after July 1, 2013.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013, and applicable to tax credits issued on or after that date.

**§ 130 — BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PARTNERSHIP (BHP) COUNCIL OVERSIGHT OF BHP RATES**

- Eliminates the council's to make recommendations to the legislature, and for the legislature to hold a hearing on them, if it does not accept BHP rate proposals.
- Beginning in FY 14, requires BHP council, in consultation with DCF, DSS, and DMHAS, to identify a \$1 million savings, presumably through the BHP rates.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

**§ 131 — REGIONAL GREENHOUSE GAS INITIATIVE**

- Connecticut participates in this initiative, in which electric generators buy allowances to emit carbon dioxide. The revenue from the allowance auctions goes into an account administered by DEEP and is used for energy efficiency and renewable energy programs. The budget temporarily redirects part of the auction revenue that would otherwise go to the Clean Energy Finance and Investment Authority (CEFIA) to the General Fund. This bill allows DEEP, until July 1, 2015, to allocate any part of auction proceeds above the amounts budgeted by electric companies in their 2012 conservation plan to CEFIA.
- Allocation must be on a pro rata basis at the conclusion of an auction.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013

**§ 132 — FIRST FIVE PLUS PROGRAM SUNSET EXTENSION**

- Extends by two years, from June 30, 2013 to June 30, 2015, this program's sunset date and makes conforming technical changes

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013

**§ 133 — CONNECTICUT LOTTERY CORPORATION (CLC)  
TRANSFER OF MONEY TO CHRONIC GAMBLING TREATMENT**

- Transfers \$2.3 million of the revenue received from lottery ticket sales to the chronic gamblers treatment rehabilitation account, in FY 14 and each fiscal year thereafter.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013

**§ 134 — VETERAN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS REGISTRY**

- Requires DECD to establish and maintain a registry of small businesses owned and controlled by veterans and those with service-related disability.
- Requires DECD to annually report on the registry to the Veterans Committee.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

**§ 135 — DELETED**

**§§ 136-145 & 147-148 — HEALTH INSURANCE EXCHANGE**

- Allows the Connecticut Health Insurance Exchange (HIX) to negotiate premiums with health carriers (e.g., insurers and HMOs) offering or seeking to offer "qualified health plans" through the exchange (§ 140).
- Reduces the number of voting members on the HIX board of directors from 12 to 11 by removing the Special Advisor to the Governor on Healthcare Reform and specifies that six, rather than seven, members constitutes a quorum (§ 137).
- Transfers responsibilities for the "all-payer claims database" from the Office of Health Reform and Innovation (OHRI)

(which the bill eliminates, see below) to the HIX, including the requirement to seek funding for the database (§§ 138-144, 147-148).

- Allows the HIX to (1) impose a civil penalty on insurers and other reporting entities that fail to report data to the all-payer claims database and (2) charge a fee to entities that request data from the database (§ 144).
- Allows the HIX to impose interest and penalties on health carriers that pay exchange assessments or user fees late (§ 139).
- Adds the HIX chief executive officer to the Sustinet Health Care Cabinet, replacing the Special Advisor to the Governor on Healthcare Reform (§ 145).

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

#### **§§ 145-146 & 386 — OHRI ELIMINATED**

- Eliminates OHRI and makes technical and conforming changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

#### **§§ 149-150 — FY 14 AND FY 15 BANKING FUND TRANSFERS**

- Increases, from \$8,000,000 to \$10,700,000, the amount in HB 6704 transferred from the State Banking Fund to the General Fund in FY 14.
- Increases, from \$3,000,000 to \$5,700,000, the amount in HB 6704 transferred from the State Banking Fund to the General Fund in FY 15.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

#### **§ 151 — LOCAL PLANS OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT (C&D)**

- Delays by one year, from July 1, 2013 to July 1, 2014, the date by which municipal planning commissions must prepare or amend

a municipal plan of C&D.

- Suspends, until July 1, 2015, the provision disqualifying towns that fail to update their plans from receiving discretionary state funds until they do so or the OPM secretary waives the provision.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

### **§§ 152-153 — EDUCATION COST SHARING (ECS) FORMULA**

- Revises and updates ECS formula that distributes the largest sources of state education aid to towns.
- Raises the per-student foundation amount from \$9,687 to \$11,525.
- Updates the way the state measures town wealth (property wealth to income wealth ratio, method of measuring income).
- Changes student need measurement to use free and reduced price lunch population.
- Establishes a minimum aid ratio of 10% for alliance districts and 2% for all other districts.
- Phases-in new funding and different rates depending upon educational need: non-Alliance Districts (1% of fully funded grant), Alliance Districts (8%) and Educational Reform Districts (12%).

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013

### **§ 154 — MINIMUM BUDGET REQUIREMENT (MBR)**

- Continues the existing MBR for FY 14 and 15.
- Continues existing statutory MBR flexibility.
- Establishes separate Alliance Districts MBR that takes into account the minimum local funding percentage.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013

**§ 155 — ALLIANCE DISTRICTS**

- Continues the alliance district program with some small changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013

**§§ 156-163 — CAPS ON EDUCATION GRANTS**

The bill maintains existing caps on certain state education formula grants for two more fiscal years, through June 30, 2015:

- health services for private school students (CGS § 10-217a);
- transportation for private school students (CGS § 10-281);
- adult education programs (CGS § 10-71);
- bilingual education programs (CGS § 10-17g);
- Regional Education Service Center (RESC) operations (CGS § 10-66j);
- special education costs and excess costs, other than certain state-placed students (CGS § 10-76d & 10-76g); and
- excess regular education costs for state-placed children educated by local and regional boards of education (CGS § 10-253).

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013

**§164 — CHARTER SCHOOL GRANTS**

Reduces the scheduled increases in per-student grants to state charter schools:

- for FY 14, the grant is reduced from \$11,000 to \$10,500 per student, and
- for FY 15 and each following year, the grant is reduced from \$11,500 to \$11,000.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013

**§ 165 — CONFORMING CHANGE REGARDING MBR**



- Makes a conforming change.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013

**§ 166 — SHEFF MAGNET SCHOOL GRANTS**

- Continues the per student grants as follows: (a) \$10,443 for *Sheff* RESC magnets and (b) \$13,054 for Hartford host magnets.
- Increases the per student grant for all *Sheff* host magnets to \$13,054 per student.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013

**§ 167 — BAN ON SHEFF HOST MAGNETS CHARGING TUITION**

- Continues, for two more school years, the existing ban on Hartford host magnets charging tuition to sending districts.
- Extends the tuition ban to any *Sheff* host magnet.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013

**§ 168 — ADDITIONAL OPEN CHOICE FUNDING**

- Provides an additional incentive, \$8,000 per student, for districts that have 4% or more of their student population from the Open Choice interdistrict public school attendance program.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013

**§ 169 — SHEFF MAGNET SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION GRANTS**

- Maintains *Sheff* magnet transportation grants at same level, \$2,000 per student, for FYs 14 and 15.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

**§ 170 — PER-STUDENT GRANT FOR VO-AG CENTERS**

- Increases per student grant for vo-ag centers from \$1,750 to \$2,750.
- Allows a board of education that operates a vo-ag center to spend the increased state grant even if it exceeds the total

amount budgeted for education.

- Lowers the maximum percentage, from 82.5% to 62.47%, of the state's per student foundation aid, that can be used to charge sending districts tuition.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013

**§ 171 — AID FOR TOWN RANKED SIXTH IN POPULATION**

- Increases additional state education aid, from \$650,000 to \$2,020,000, for the town ranked sixth when all towns are ranked by population (Norwalk).

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013

**§ 172 — ADULT EDUCATION IN NEW HAVEN AND BRIDGEPORT**

- Allows programs to expand the scope to include more instructional services.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013

**§ 173 — APPROPRIATION FOR LITERACY HOW PROGRAM**

- Up to \$200,000 appropriated by the state budget to SDE will go to the Literacy How program in North Haven.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013

**§§ 174-185 & 387 — GOVERNOR'S SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

- Establishes the Governor's Scholarship program as a single, consolidated state financial aid program for Connecticut residents who are undergraduates at in-state public and private higher education institutions.
- Replaces the state's existing undergraduate student aid programs: Connecticut Aid to Public College Students (CAPCS), Connecticut Independent College Student Grant (CICSG), the Capitol Scholarship, and Connecticut Aid to Charter Oak.
- Limits eligibility for the Governor's Scholarship to Connecticut

residents enrolled in at least six semester credit hours and pursuing their first associate or bachelor degree.

- Establishes four award categories: a (1) need and merit-based award, (2) need-based award, (3) performance incentive pool, and (4) Charter Oak Grant.
- Specifies how the appropriation for the program must be allocated across these categories and establishes reporting and audit requirements for the program.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013

#### **§ 186 — HIGHER EDUCATION CONSOLIDATION COMMITTEE**

- Requires that UConn provide this committee with updates on the academic program approval process.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013

#### **§ 187 — ACADEMIC REVIEW COMMISSIONS**

- Makes a technical change to the number of appointees to the panel from which the Office of Higher Education selects academic review commissions.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013

#### **§§ 188-189 — ACADEMIC ADVANCEMENT PROGRAM**

- Requires SDE to establish a program allowing students in grades 11 and 12 to substitute fulfillment of high school graduation requirements with a passing grade on a national exam, achievement of a particular grade point average, and three letters of recommendation from school professionals; program completion allows graduation beginning in the 2014-15 school year.
- Allows student completion of the program to serve as a substitute for grade nine to 12 academic credit.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013

**§ 190 — STATE CONTRACTING AGENCIES**

- Removes RESCs from the definition of state contracting agency under SB 1096.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013

**§ 191 — SCHOOL SECURITY INFRASTRUCTURE COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM**

- Makes technical changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

**§ 192 — INTERNET POSTING OF BOARD OF EDUCATION SPENDING**

- Requires each local and regional board of education, RESC, and state charter school governing authority to post on its website its aggregate spending on salaries, benefits, supplies, equipment, tuition, services, and other items for each school under its jurisdiction, beginning in FY 14.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013

**§ 193 — SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTERS**

- Allows school-based health centers to extend their hours and the health care services they provide, conduct community outreach, and receive reimbursement for services from private insurance.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013

**§ 194 — APPROPRIATIONS FOR NEIGHBORHOOD YOUTH CENTERS**

Makes the following grants available to centers for FY 14 and 15:

Grant Recipient	Grant Amount
Boys and Girls Clubs of	\$70,586

Southeastern Connecticut	
Boys and Girls Clubs of Bridgeport	94,115
Bridgeport Housing Authority	70,000
Catholic Family Services	80,468
Connecticut Alliance of Boys and Girls Clubs	804,685
Central Connecticut Coast YMCA	71,057
Rivera Memorial Foundation Incorporated	20,117
Saint Margaret Willow Plaza	20,117
Valley Shore YMCA Incorporated	40,234

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013

**§§ 195-230 — MERGER OF DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND DEPARTMENT OF CONSTRUCTION SERVICES (DAS)**

The bill dissolves the Department of Construction Services (DCS) and transfers its powers and duties to DAS. It makes numerous technical and conforming changes to implement the merger.

DCS's duties and responsibilities that the bill transfers include:

- administering most state capital improvement construction and planning projects;
- selecting consultants to assist on such projects;
- providing technical advice and services to agencies planning to improve their physical space;
- assisting with the development of a capital program and budget for the state;
- enforcement of the state's building and fire safety codes; and
- administering the school construction grant process, with assistance from SDE.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013

**§ 231 — STATE LIBRARY OPERATING GRANTS**

- For FY 14 and FY 15, suspends a requirement that, for a public library to receive a state library operating grant, its annual tax levy or appropriation must not be reduced below the average amount for the three fiscal years immediately preceding the grant year.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

**§§ 232-233 — XL CIVIC CENTER MANAGEMENT**

- Allows Capital Region Development Authority to manage XL Center.
- Gives state fire marshal original jurisdiction over center, exempting state or CRDA demolition and development from local ordinances.
- Designates center state-owned property for state insurance while CRDA owns or leases it.
- Allows CRDA to purchase utility services for it at state rates.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013

**§§ 234-235 — GENERALLY ACCEPTED ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES (GAAP)**

- Requires the state to pay off the accumulated GAAP deficit in equal annual increments over 13 years, starting in FY 16, rather than over 15 years, starting in FY 14.
- Makes technical changes to the GAAP statutes to reflect GAAP reporting requirements.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

**§ 236 — LANDFILL LIABILITY**

- Requires DEEP and the Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority to enter into a memorandum of understanding for

DEEP to assume all legal obligations from the closure of the Ellington, Hartford, Shelton, Wallingford, and Waterbury landfills.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

**§ 237 — DELETED**

**§ 238 — UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK PROGRAM**

- Modifies the circumstances under which funding for this program gets redistributed among categories of participants.
- Modifies the status of entities that obtain an assignment of a claim before July 1, 2012, potentially altering when they are paid under the program.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

**§ 239 — CONNECTICUT INNOVATIONS, INC. BOARD CHAIRPERSON**

- Removes DECD commissioner as CII chairperson; requires governor to appoint chairperson from CII board members.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013

**§§ 240-243 — JUDICIAL COMPENSATION**

- Increases salaries for judges, family support magistrates, family support referees, and judge trial referees by 5.3% in FY14 and FY15.
- Increases by 5.3% the additional amounts that certain judges receive for performing certain administrative duties.
- Increases salaries of workers' compensation commissioners and probate court judges whose salaries are determined in relation to a Superior Court judge's salary (CGS §§ 31-277 & 45a-95a)

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013

**§§ 244-248 — CREATING THE CONNECTICUT ARTS COUNCIL**

- Creates a 13-member council within DECD and authorizes it to

establish a foundation to raise funds and receive gifts from private sources to encourage participation in, and promotion, development, acceptance, and appreciation of, artistic and cultural activities (§ 245).

- Allows the foundation to disburse funds and execute contracts to foster and promote the arts (§ 245).
- Allows the foundation to apply for and receive grants, so long as it cooperates with and avoids directly competing with other Connecticut arts organizations when doing so (§ 245).
- Beginning January 15, 2014, requires the council to annually notify DECD of the total amount of matching grants arts organizations are eligible to receive from the Connecticut Arts Endowment Fund (§ 248).

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013, except that the provisions on DECD arts activities and matching grants are effective October 1, 2013.

**§§ 249-254, 258-259, 261-319, 386, & 388 — REGIONAL PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS AND REGIONS**

- Eliminates regional planning agencies and regional councils of elected officials after January 1, 2015, leaving regional councils of governments (COGs) as the only type of regional planning organization (RPO), and makes many conforming changes to reflect this change (§§ 250, 252, 254, 258-259, 261-319 & 388).
- Adds to the list of criteria the OPM secretary must consider in his analysis of state planning regions and requires him to report to the Planning and Development Committee on its status by October 1, 2013 (§ 249).
- Changes the funding formula for COGs and uses the regional performance incentive account (which the bill renames the regional planning incentive account) as the funding source (§§



251, 318-319, & 386).

- Modifies the regional performance incentive program to, among other things, require two or more municipalities that apply for program funds to do so through their RPO (§ 253)

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage, except for the conforming changes which are effective January 1, 2015

### **§§ 255-256, 325, & 387 — COMMISSION FOR EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY**

- Changes the Commission for Educational Technology's membership (§ 255).
- Requires the Bureau of Enterprise Systems, in consultation with COGs, to recommend a two-year schedule for connecting each town and COG to the statewide high speed communications network (§ 256).
- Repeals laws requiring the commission to work with (1) DAS to develop technology standards for education-related programs and (2) SDE to develop a statewide plan for teacher and administrator competency in instructional technology (§§ 325 & 387).

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage, except the repealer section is effective July 1, 2013.

### **§ 257 — UNIFORM ACCOUNTING SYSTEM FOR TOWNS**

- Requires the OPM secretary, by July 1, 2014, to develop and implement a uniform accounting system for municipal revenue and expenditures, including board of education and grant agency expenditures and revenue.
- Requires towns to (1) implement the uniform system by June 30, 2015 and (2) use it to file annual reports with OPM.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

**§ 260 — METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS (MPOS)**

- Requires the transportation commissioner to report to the legislature by July 1, 2014 on the redesignation of MPOs, including (1) a suggested process for redesignation and (2) structures and resources necessary to meet federal transportation requirements.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013

**§§ 261-319 — TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING CHANGES**

**§ 320 — SCHOOL BUS DRIVER HEALTH INSURANCE POOL**

- Creates a task force to study the creation of a statewide health insurance pool for school bus drivers employed by a local or regional school district or a private company that provides busing services for a district.
- Requires the task force to investigate the estimated state and municipal fiscal impact of such a pool.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

**§§ 321-324 — UNIFORM REGIONAL SCHOOL CALENDARS**

- Establishes a 19-member task force to develop guidelines for each regional education service center (RESC) to use in developing uniform regional school calendars.
- Requires each RESC to develop a uniform regional school calendar for each board of education in its service area that is consistent with the task force's guidelines by April 1, 2014.
- Allows boards to adopt the uniform calendars for the 2014 school year and requires them to do so beginning with the 2015 school year.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage, except the provisions concerning boards of education are effective July 1, 2013.

**§ 326 — NOTICE OF COMMUNITY-BASED RESOURCES FOR FORECLOSURE MEDIATION**

- Repeals a requirement that municipalities include the Judicial Branch's form on community-based resources for people involved in foreclosure mediation with any statement sent to a homeowner about a public sewer, water service, or property tax arrearage.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013

**§ 327 — REGIONAL HUMAN SERVICES COORDINATING COUNCILS**

- Starting January 1, 2015, requires each state planning region to establish regional human services coordinating councils to encourage collaborations fostering the development and maintenance of a client-focused structure for each region's health and human services system.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2013

**§ 328 — MUNICIPAL REIMBURSEMENT AND REVENUE ACCOUNT**

- Establishes the municipal reimbursement and revenue account as a separate, nonlapsing General Fund account and specifies (1) that its funds may be used by OPM for the Nutmeg Network, a tax incidence study, and the universal chart of accounts and (2) the amount that may be spent on each.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

**§ 329 — LAND VALUE TAX PILOT PROGRAM**

- Expands, from one to three, the number of municipalities eligible for an OPM pilot program to develop a plan for taxing land at a higher rate than buildings (i.e., land value tax).
- Eliminates the current eligibility requirements that restricted the pilot program to a distressed city with fewer than 26,000 people

and a city manager and city council form of government (i.e., New London).

- Makes changes to required members of committees that prepare municipal plans and the people who receive a copy of the plan.
- Extends the deadline for submitting final places from December 31, 2009 to December 31, 2014.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2013

### **§ 330 — TAX INCIDENCE STUDY**

- Requires the DRS commissioner, by December 21, 2014, to biennially submit to the Finance, Revenue, and Bonding Committee, and post on the DRS website, a report on the overall incidence of the income tax, sales and excise taxes, the corporation business tax, and property tax.
- Requires the report to present information on the tax burden distribution for individuals and businesses.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013

### **§§ 331-375 & 389 STATE EMPLOYEES**

- Comptroller, not DAS, issues employee statements on employee benefits (§ 331).
- Allows appointing authorities to designate their appointing powers; allows DAS to deem people who meet class requirements eligible for positions without taking an exam (§ 333).
- Limits elective officers and department heads to four non-classified executive assistants each. Eliminates provision allowing a classified employee who becomes personal secretary to an administrative head, undersecretary, or deputy (a non-classified position) to retain his or her classified status (§ 339).

- Requires DAS to evaluate, at least every five years, (1) classified and (2) unionized non-classified, positions to determine if they are in an appropriate compensation plan (§ 344).
- Deletes an obsolete provision requiring wage inequities in state service to be eliminated by July 1995. Requires (1) DAS to consider any further wage inequities identified during the five-year review classification compensation review process and (2) the legislature, at DAS's request with OPM approval, to appropriate sufficient funds to modify compensation plans accordingly (§ 346).
- Limits non-union state employees' appeals to the Employees' Review Board (ERB) for alleged discrimination to alleged "unlawful" discrimination. Prohibits these employees from appealing to the ERB for discrimination if they also file a complaint with CHRO. Prohibits these employees from filing an appeal with ERB over unhealthy working conditions if they also file a complaint with state or federal OSHA. Prohibits parties from waiving transcript fees. Allows parties to mutually agree to waive appeals process deadlines (§ 347).
- Puts additional limits on certain automatic compensation increases of non-union managerial employees (§ 348).
- Requires DAS approval for overtime pay to employees working for multiple agencies (§ 349).
- Shortens time limit for (1) a candidate list to remain effective, from six to three months, and (2) maximum extensions for a list to remain effective, from two to one year. Removes the extension limit on continuous recruitment lists (§ 352).
- Prohibits any agency other than DAS from giving civil service exams (§ 353).

- Allows DAS to charge a fee for taking a civil service exam. It can waive the fee if the applicant is financially unable to pay (§ 354).
- Changes the time in which someone can appeal his or her rejection from taking an exam, from 10 days from receiving notice of the rejection, to 12 days from the notice's mailing. Reduces time for a decision from 30 to 15 days (§ 357).
- Reduces the time in which someone can inspect their exam markings after failing an exam, from 30 days after receiving the results to 30 days after the results are issued. Reduces the time in which someone can appeal their exam results, from 30 to 10 days after inspecting the record (§ 358).
- Allows DAS to waive the need for any appointment or promotional exam if (1) a professional license, degree, or accreditation is a mandatory requirement; (2) the position is for a job classification (a) used by a single state agency, (b) is limited in number, and (c) and has few vacancies in the professional or managerial series; (3) the qualifications for a position in the managerial class are so specialized or unique that an examination for a generic job classification would not (a) produce a list of qualified candidates and (b) be cost effective; or (4) there are five or less applicants qualified to take a promotional exam. Establishes a procedure for hiring under these circumstances (§ 359).
- Allows appointing authorities to dismiss more than one employee every three months during the same position's working test period. Allows non-classified employees to take civil service exams regardless of their prior classified status (§ 360).

- Limits DAS' power to authorize provisional appointments (§ 363).
- Allows a former state employee who is rehired by the state less than one year later to reinstate his or her sick leave by repaying the amount he or she received for unused sick time. (§ 368).
- Requires long term leaves of absence to be renewed every two years (§ 369).
- Requires veterans returning to state service to be reinstated with at least the level of benefits required by the federal Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (§ 371).
- Requires, rather than allows, the Executive Branch to negotiate with unionized CLC employees (§ 374).
- DESPP commissioner, rather than DAS, holds hearings on state police dismissals from DESPP (§ 375).
- Repeals obsolete provisions (§ 389).

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013

#### **§ 376—PAROLE HEARINGS**

- Makes discretionary, rather than mandatory, parole release hearings for (1) non-violent offenders who have served 75% of their sentences, minus any risk reduction credits and (2) violent offenders who have served 85% of their sentences, but requires the board to document specific reasons for not holding such a hearing.
- Specifies that such an offender cannot be released without a hearing.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013

#### **§ 377 — DELETED**

#### **§ 378 — TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM CONNECTICUT ENERGY FINANCE AND INVESTMENT AUTHORITY TO GENERAL FUND**

- Reduces, from \$24.2 million to \$19.2 million, the amount transferred from the Clean Energy Finance and Investment Authority to the General Fund for FY 15.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

**§ 379 — UNEXPENDED BALANCE OF FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR EFFORTS RELATED TO PROVIDING DRIVER'S LICENSES TO PERSON WHO CANNOT PROVE LEGAL U.S. RESIDENCE**

- Carries forward up to \$750,000 of the unexpended fund balance appropriated to DMV for Personal Services and transfers it to DMV's Other Expenses account for FY 14 for efforts related to providing driver's licenses to people who cannot prove legal U.S. residence.
- Carries forward up to \$100,000 appropriated to DMV for Personal Services and transfers it to DMV's equipment account to be used in FY 14 for efforts related to those driver's licenses.
- Repeals § 51 of HB 6704, which carried forward the same amounts but from different DMV accounts.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013

**§ 380 — EFFECTIVE DATE CHANGE IN REVENUE ESTIMATE**

- Corrects the effective date of a revenue estimate provision in HB 6704 (§ 510) by making it effective July 1, 2013, rather than July 1, 2011.

**§ 381 — RECONSIDERATION OF OPM DECISION REGARDING STATE-REIMBURSED PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION IN DANBURY**

- Gives Danbury taxpayers who missed deadline for requesting reconsideration of OPM's denial or modification of a 2006 manufacturing machinery and equipment state-reimbursed property tax exemption another chance to do
- Specifies deadline and process for requesting reconsideration



and notifying taxpayer and city about decision

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

**§ 382 — QUALIFIED APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING PROGRAMS**

- Requires the labor commissioner to establish a grant program for S corporations, limited liability companies, limited liability partnerships, or limited partnerships that employ apprentices in the manufacturing, construction, plastics, or plastics-related trades.
- Eligibility and grant amounts are the same as the tax credits for apprenticeship training in manufacturing, construction and plastics-related trades.
- Total grants under the program cannot exceed \$50,000

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013 and applicable to tax years starting on or after January 1, 2013

**§ 383 — CT-N FUNDING**

- Carries forward up to \$250,000 from Legislative Management's personal services appropriation to the minor capital equipment account for CT-N funding during FY 14.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013

**§ 384 — SWIMMING IN BODIES OF WATER IN WHICH "FLOOD-SKIMMING" IS CONDUCTED**

- Authorizes people to swim in a body of water where "flood-skimming" is used to transfer excess water to a distribution reservoir if swimming (1) has been permitted in such body of water for at least 50 years and (2) does not occur during periods of flood-skimming.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2013

**§ 385 — MERS DISABILITY RETIREMENT**

- Tightens eligibility requirements by eliminating a provision allowing a disabled MERS member to work less than 20 hours

per week in his or her previous position

- Requires a disabled member to apply to the Medical Examining Board, rather than the Retirement Commission.
- Requires reevaluations by the board every two years
- Prohibits the board from reconsidering an eligibility or discontinuance decision unless the member discloses additional facts
- For non-working members disabled after January 1, 2013, it reduces a member's maximum income from 100% of final average salary to 80% of the higher of (a) final average salary or salary at the time of the disability
- For working members disabled after January 1, 2013, it reduces the disability retirement benefit by the member's gross income from any outside employment
- Specifies that disability retirement payments end when the disability ends

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013

### **§ 386 — REPEALER**

The bill repeals the following:

- Requirements that a state agency must post on its website (1) written manual or guidance documents and (2) policies and procedures implemented before regulations take effect (CGS §§ 4-60t and 4-173a).
- Grant-in-aids to regional agencies and the Voluntary Regional Consolidation Bonus Pool, which OPM currently administers (CGS § 4-124q).
- Statutes regarding the duties and powers of the Office of Health Reform and Innovation (OHRI), which the bill eliminates (CGS

§ 19a-724.

- Statutes regarding the All-Payer Claims Database Advisory Group and the all-payer claims database, which the bill transfers from OHRI to the Connecticut Health Insurance Exchange (CGS §§ 19a-724a, 19a-724b and § 4 of PA 12-166).
- A transfer of \$5 million from the regional greenhouse gas account to the General Fund (§ 105 of HB 6704 of the current session).